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GVHC Board Okays GDC Bid To Build P. O. Bldg; Awards Oil Contract

In the shortest meeting of the year—lasting less than an hour and a half—Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors limited its discussion last Friday evening to the bid for the new post office building, the need for expansion of sewage facilities, and the awarding of fuel oil contracts.

GVHC manager Paul Campbell reported that Greenbelt Development Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GVHC, decided on May 17 that while a bid for the construction of a new post office would be submitted, the bid would not contain a firm price quotation. Bids were due May 19.

The reason for this decision, stated Campbell, was the fact that too many variables were involved in estimating costs. GDC did not feel that its obligations to members permitted any fixed commitments which carried the possibility of financial loss. Nevertheless, because of its keen interest in retaining a post office in Greenbelt, GDC expressed willingness to enter negotiations with the post office department in case no other suitable bid was received.

Sewage Expansion

GVHC president Ed Burgoon reported the latest conference on expansion of sewage facilities, attended by representatives from city and county, Continental Construction Company, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Greenhorne and O'Mara, and GVHC.

Mr. Cashban of CCC wanted assurance from the city and WSSC that extra sewage facilities would be available when construction by his company goes into high gear. The present Greenbelt disposal plant can accommodate only another 200 housing units. To date the city council has reserved sewage facilities to serve 50 units in the Woodland Hills project and 150 units in the Green Valley and Lakeside areas being developed by CCC.

Harry Shaw, chief engineer of WSSC, stated that such assurance could not be given, since it was not known at this time whether Continental would build sufficient homes to exceed present capacity. He indicated, however, that when Continental actually demonstrated a need for the sewage lines, the sanitary commission would bring in a trunk line.

In the meantime, Burgoon stated, it was hoped that the city council would take action on one of the many pending proposals for providing additional sewage lines—either enlarging the present municipal disposal plant, connecting the Greenbelt system with WSSC trunk lines, or contracting to sell the of-fal to WSSC.

Fuel Oil Award

The board tentatively awarded Gulf Corporation the contract to provide No. 2 fuel oil for the 1956-57 heating season, pending agreement by the oil company that a second person would be on each delivery truck to serve as guide to truck drivers for backing in and out of courts. (Several years ago a boy was seriously injured by a backing-up oil truck.)

Southern States Cooperative had been awarded the contracts for the last three years, but this year's bid by Gulf was lower. Southern States, however, was given the contract for furnishing No. 6 oil.

NURSERY "OPEN HOUSE"

The Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School will hold an "open house" next Tuesday and Wednesday. Three- and four-year-olds and their parents are invited to visit the school between 9 and 11:30 either morning to see the school in operation. The prospective pupils may participate in the regular program if they wish.

Local Sailor Wounded In Family Gun Play

A Greenbelt man was cleared Tuesday of charges of "assault" and "discharging firearms within the city" while his son-in-law, a Greenbelt serviceman, was convicted of disorderly conduct and sentenced to 30 days on charges arising out of the same shooting incident. The latter, Richard Hampton, 20, who was on furlough from the Navy and whose mother lives at 32-J Ridge, was freed on \$1000 bond pending appeal and immediately taken into custody by the armed services.

The charges against the father-in-law, James Herbert, 46-M Ridge, were dismissed by Judge Small in Hyattsville Magistrate's Court on grounds he shot in defense of his life and home.

According to city manager Charles T. McDonald, Hampton was spending his leave with his bride of three months at his in-laws' home. Last Friday, after a family disturbance, Herbert ordered him to leave. About 11:30 p.m. Hampton returned and, finding himself locked out, broke through the screen door and the glass in the door and was reaching in to unlock the door when Herbert fired at him through the door blind just as police officers James Williams and Joseph O'Loughlin, summoned by Mrs. Herbert, arrived. One pellet from the 20-gauge shotgun struck Hampton in the arm and one whistled through the home of George A. Peters, 46-C Ridge, from whom Herbert had borrowed the gun earlier in the day. When O'Loughlin tried to enter the house to disarm Herbert, the latter threatened to shoot him and cocked the gun, but it did not fire. Herbert stated in court that he did not recognize the policeman's uniform and thought he was a friend of Hampton trying to break in.

Hampton was treated at Bethesda Naval Hospital for a minor wound in the arm and a lacerated hand.

Dr. McCarl to Preach For Rev. Samuelson

Dr. James T. McCarl will preach during the morning worship service of the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel on Sunday, June 3. The service begins at 11 a.m. at the Center School. Dr. McCarl has chosen for his subject: "To Whom Shall We Go?" based on John 6:47-58.

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Sunday, June 3, 6:30 p.m.

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Lawn following



By Elaine Skolnik

Our deepest sympathy goes out to former Greenbelters Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Olsen, who lost their baby son, Gregory Neil, on May 21. The Olsens now live at 6 Cedar, Bozeman, Montana.

Happy birthday to Phyllis Chasnoff, 45-N Ridge, who was seven years old May 28, to Janet Parker, who was (never mind) on May 29, and Gerry Adkins, who was nine on May 30.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Bates, 17-D Ridge, upon the birth of Peggy Louise, May 4. Peggy was born on sister Judy's sixth birthday. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces. At home are 3 brothers and 1 sister.

Everyone will be glad to hear that Edward Schurr, 31-D Ridge, is recuperating nicely after an operation.

Meet Nicholas and Dolores Decker, 3-G Research. The Deckers are from Hyattsville, and have one daughter, Karen, 15 months. Their telephone number is 3611.

Judy Burrows, 1-H Westway, celebrated her third birthday on Sunday. All the kiddies attending Judy's party helped Moira Kahn, 9-F Ridge, usher in her third birthday a week earlier.

Ellen Vernoff, 19-E Ridge, will be presented in a piano recital by Esther Howe, of the Meserole Studios of Music, in Silver Spring on Sunday, June 3, at 2 p.m.

Hal Silvers, 25-A Ridge, Civil Defense Director for Prince Georges county, left Friday for a tour of the mid-west. He is flying with Michael Straight, publisher of New Republic magazine, in Straight's Ryan Navion.

The tour, concerning Civil Defense and other business, will take in Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana, and Chicago, Illinois. Silvers expects to be gone for a week.

Emanuel Dondy, 6-K Ridge, was recently elected vice-president of the Prince Georges County Library Federation.

Morris and Miriam Solomon have left Greenbelt after 6½ years of residence.

GCS Proxy Campaign For Charter Change

Officials of Greenbelt Consumer Services have started the job of rounding up 4000 votes from their 8000 members in Montgomery and Prince Georges counties, general manager Sam Ashelman reported.

The question to be decided is whether two changes should be made in the cooperative's charter: (1) raising the amount of capital stock that can be issued from \$1 million to \$50 million, and (2) removing the present limitation of \$1000 on the amount of stock that an individual member may own.

Co-op officials point out that the annual meeting will be held June 12 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt theater. But they also point to the obvious fact that 4000 members will not attend the meeting; hence, most voting must be done by proxy.

Proxy ballots will be mailed to each member starting May 29 and it is hoped that most members will mark and return their ballots immediately in business reply envelopes provided for that purpose.

Also at the annual meeting, five members will be elected to the nine-member board of directors, and there will be voting on two proposed by-law changes.

The six nominees for the board of directors are: Walter J. Bierwagen, Lawrence A. Oosterhouse, Robert T. Bonham, Benjamin Rosenzweig, Robert C. Hull, and Sidney D. Thurston.

Goldfaden Elected To City Council; Mayor To Sign Gas Station Deed

The Greenbelt city council, following nine ballots chose Ben Goldfaden from a field of four candidates to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of James Wolfe.

The oath of office was administered to Goldfaden by Mayor Tom Canning. Goldfaden immediately assumed his seat on the

council, received the congratulations of his opponents—Harry Weidberg, Bernard Krug and Mrs. Jane Hunt.

The anticipated "fireworks" over the misunderstandings relative to the deed to the site of the new GCS gasoline filling station did not materialize. However, councilman Alan Kistler forcibly expressed his views regarding zoning decisions made without predetermined, accurate "meets and bounds" of the properties to be zoned. His denunciation, accompanied by slamming his fist on the table, blamed the council itself, for not having had such information at hand when approving the recommendation to re-zone the site.

Developments since the last council session, pointed up by city manager Charles McDonald, indicated that an error—a sizeable one—had been discovered in measurements based on the map supplied to GVHC by Roger Willcox, and upon which, the original measurements for the "buffer strip" between the filling station and homes along Southway, had been based. This error, discovered when a survey of the property was made, was responsible for the receding of the buffer strip, and the distance between property lines which dwindled progressively towards the rear of the site. With the GCS line remaining constant, this means that, instead of the 75 feet—which was the basic figure in all council discussions—the distance from the 10 court end house is now 50 feet and that from the rear house is approximately 39 feet. This error adds to the buffer strip frontage which will now be 100 feet, instead of 75 feet.

Mayor Canning moved to have the motion which dealt with the signing of the deed and which was tabled at the previous meeting, brought up for a final reading and vote. This proposal was approved unanimously.

Previous discussion disclosed that city solicitor Ralph Powers had stated that the city's position in refusing to sign the deed was untenable, and that it would be advisable for the council to authorize the mayor to sign the deed, and consider the matter closed.

Other measures approved by the council included:

Allocation of \$3000 for the purpose of hiring additional help to repair service courts; a transfer of funds, left over from money allocated for the purchase of a bus and garbage truck, to purchase tools and a tamper for roads repair.

The council then decided, after some discussion, to hold a special meeting on Monday, June 4, at 8 p.m. to discuss the problems relative to an adequate recreational program.

St. Hugh's News

Sunday, June 3 is Communion Sunday for the Ladies of the Sodality. The members of the Senior Sodality will receive Holy Communion at the 7:30 Mass and the Junior Sodality at the 8:30 Mass.

Members of the Teen Club will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8:30 Mass. Following the Mass the Teen Club will act as host to the members of St. Hugh's graduating class at a Communion Breakfast, to be held in the Center school social room. The Mothers will cook the breakfast while the Daddys serve.

Installation of the newly elected Sodality Officers will take place at the regular meeting on Wednesday, June 6.

Wednesday, June 6, is the closing date for reservation for the Sodality Social to be held at Prince Georges Country Club on June 11. A gala program with many surprises is being planned for this evening according to Mrs. Robert Brady, chairman.

CUB PACK MEETING

The first Pack meeting of the newly formed Cub Scout Pack 750 will be held Friday, June 15 at St. Hugh's School in the social room at 7 p.m.

The Long View

By Al Long

Must have been fifteen or twenty people asked me about "my business." I didn't know that many read the News-Review, let alone this column. Well, it all happened in Chicago, when one evening four or five of us were sitting at Al Farber's Bar critically appraising his marti—er—milkshakes. One of the brighter ones tore his gaze away from the blonds in the far booth and declared with rare wisdom, "The only real way to be your own boss is to be in business for yourself." Nobody wanted to argue that observation because it seemed so logical, so we all agreed the thing to do is to pick out a good business.

"I'd like to start a pet shop in Greenbelt," I said, "I think it would be a moneymaker."

"But I thought they didn't allow pets there," one of the boys pointed out.

"That's just it," I explained, "that's the gimmick. I wouldn't sell cats or dogs outright. I'd just rent them out. Then a member could truthfully say, 'No, we don't even own a dog.' Also I'd deliver after dark on the q.t., and, of course, charge extra for such contraband as dog food. Any business that's a little bit illicit is usually profitable. I could get the police in line by letting them use a bloodhound occasionally."

"Personally I like the racket your friend has," said Friend No. 2 as he cashed his wife's pay check to buy us all another round. "You know, where you get a lot of members to put up the capital and each has a vote in the management, then you change it from each one having a direct vote to where they just elect a group, who elect a smaller group, who elect a smaller group, who elect a board to just give advice, because by that time you got your job protected by a lease and you can pay yourself about \$25,000 a year. Heck! That's better than being in a business for yourself. Overcharge them daily, then give some of it back annually. Golly," he shook his head admiringly, "Imagine putting one like that over."

"I know," I agreed, "but you can't stand more than one of those in any one town and he's got that all sewed up."

That's how it all started, but I haven't room to tell you more, now. If you want to see it, however, just drive over to the old Queens Chapel Airport, and where they are digging the big hole, that's where it will be. More later.



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